

JANUARY 31, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CONNOR, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Providing for the erection of a building for the Post Office Department.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, author-
4 ized to cause to be erected, on any public lot which he may se-
5 lect, a fire-proof building, of such dimensions as may be required
6 for the present and future accommodations of the Post Office
7 Department, upon such plan and of such materials as he may
8 deem most advantageous; and for this purpose there be appro-
9 priated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appro-
10 priated, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the material of*
2 which the walls of the capitol and the President's mansion are
3 constructed, shall be adopted for the construction of the afore-
4 said building: *Provided, Upon full inquiry, a cheaper and more*
5 suitable material cannot be obtained. *And, provided always,*
6 That the foundation walls of the said building, below the sur-
7 face of the earth, and two feet above, shall be of the hardest and
8 most solid rock.